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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MPOL, NATO, GW, BE, US  
SUBJECT: SHAPE-EUCOM COLLOCATION

REFS: A) STATE 77908 DTG 251957Z MAR 78 (NOTAL)  
B) BRUSSELS 5933 DTG 241805Z MAR 78  
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1. ON MARCH 28, WE PRESENTED THE GIST OF PARAS 4 AND 5  
OF REF B TO DR. FREDO DANNENBRING, HEAD OF NATO AFFAIRS  
AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE. WE REQUESTED THAT THE FRG DELAY  
INFORMING THE BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG AUTHORITIES OF THE  
COLLOCATION PLAN UNTIL AFTER THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT HAD  
AGREED TO THE COLLOCATION PROPOSAL. IN ADDITION, WE  
ASKED THAT THE FRG CONSULT WITH US PRIOR TO ANY  
NOTIFICATION OF THE BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG LAND GOVERNMENT.  
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2. DANNENBRING READILY AGREED TO BOTH OF THESE REQUESTS.  
HE OBSERVED THAT, FROM BONN'S POINT OF VIEW, THERE WAS  
NO PARTICULAR URGENCY ABOUT NOTIFYING THE BADEN-  
WUERTTEMBERG AUTHORITIES. HE SAID HE WOULD INFORM THE  
DEFENSE MINISTRY OF OUR WISHES AND URGE THAT THEY BE  
STRICTLY HONORED. (WE ARE ALSO FOLLOWING UP WITH THE

DEFENSE MINISTRY.)

3. WE TOLD DANNENBRING THAT THE EMBASSY WOULD RESPOND TO ANY POSSIBLE PUBLIC QUERIES WITH A SIMPLE "NO COMMENT." HE INDICATED THAT THE FRG WOULD DO THE SAME.

4. DESPITE THIS POSITIVE OUTLOOK, WE WOULD VOICE CAUTION ON TWO POINTS: (A) IT IS OF COURSE ALWAYS POSSIBLE THAT SOMEONE IN THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT WILL "INFORMALLY" ALERT THE BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG AUTHORITIES IN ORDER TO AVOID SUBSEQUENT CHARGES BY THE LATTER THAT THEY WERE NOT INFORMED SOON ENOUGH ABOUT A QUESTION AFFECTING THEM DIRECTLY; AND (B) AS INDICATED IN REF C, IF THERE IS A MAJOR LEAK, THE EMBASSY MAY NEED URGENTLY TO REQUEST WASHINGTON AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PRESS STATEMENT ALONG THE LINES OF PARA 8 OF REF C, PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS THE QUESTION OF POSSIBLE JOB LOSS IN THE STUTTGART AREA.

5. WE SHALL OF COURSE DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO KEEP THE ENTIRE COLLOCATION ISSUE UNDER WRAPS HERE IN GERMANY. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S POSITIVE ATTITUDE IS AN ENCOURAGING SIGN.  
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